I was then at my own Houſe at *Reaumur*, and ſitting in a Cloſet on the Ground-Floor, where I had only notice of it by a Noiſe like to the Rattling of a Coach over a rough uneven Pavement, which ſeem'd to grow ſtronger, as at different Fits, for about a Minute and a half. I went out of my Cloſet to inquire what others might have felt, as I had not been at all ſhocked myſelf, in other Parts of the Houſe; and I met with ſome Ladies juſt come in a Fright from the Apartments up one Pair of Stairs; and a learned Father of the *Oratoire* that was with me, and was juſt then run down, upon its ſhaking, from a Turret, on the Top of the Houſe, the Motion of which had very much ſurpriſed him.

In the Village ſeveral People alſo felt the Shake; but others, that happened to be employed, were not ſenſible of it. I was informed, that, in ſome other Villages and Country-Towns, it was more conſiderable than where I was; but I did not hear that it did any-where any Miſchief worth ſpeaking of.

XLII.

The Rev. Mr. Wm. Barlow *to the* Preſident, *concerning a Shock of an* Earthquake *felt at* Plymouth, *about One o' Clock in the Morning, between the 8th and 9th of* Feb. 1749-50.

SIR,

Read May 24. 1750. IT is proper to obſerve, that the following Relations are not made by mean, ignorant, or fanciful People, but by Perſons of good

Senſe, whoſe Veracity is unqueſtionable, and whoſe Judgment in this Caſe is, I think, rational and juſt.

Wm. Barlow.

The Earthquake at *London* was on *Thurſday, February* 8. about Noon.

The Declaration of the Hon. Philip Vanbrugh *Eſq; Commiſſioner of His Majeſty's Dock-Yard near* Plimouth, Devon.

THAT, in the Night, betwixt *Thurſday* the 8th Day of *February* 1749. and the Day following, towards One o' Clock, as he was reading in Bed, he was ſenſibly affected by a ſudden Shake: That, looking about, he obſerved, betwixt the Foot-Curtains, which were partly open, ſome Drawings which hung on the Wall, alſo the Side-Curtains, in a trembling Motion: That it immediately brought into his Mind the Earthquake in *Jamaica* in 1692. which ſeveral Years ago had been, at *Jamaica*, particularly deſcribed to him, by a Perſon who was in the Iſland at the time of that Earthquake.

March 12. 1749.

Ph. Vanbrugh.

The Declaration of Mrs. Vanbrugh, *Siſter of the Commiſſioner, living in the ſame Houſe.*

THAT, the Night above-mention'd, at what Hour ſhe cannot ſay, ſhe was greatly ſurpriſed by an unuſual Motion of her Bed; which immediately brought

brought to her Thoughts the Shock of an Earthquake ſhe felt ſeveral Years before, to which in her Mind ſhe reſembled the preſent Shake.

March 12. 1749.

Victoria Vanbrugh.

The Declaration of Mrs. Slade, *Daughter of Mr.* Slade, *Maſter-Shipwright of His Majeſty's Dock-Yard,* Devon.

THAT, in the Night above-mention'd, towards One o' Clock, ſhe perceiv'd a ſenſible Motion of her Bed, and (there being a Light in the Room) ſaw the Curtains ſhake. This ſhe thought to be occaſion'd by the Wind (which ſhe then heard blow ſtrong), ſuppoſing the Saſh not to be cloſe down: Accordingly ſhe roſe, and went to the Windows, but found the Saſhes intirely cloſe.

March 12. 1749.

Elizabeth Slade.

N. B. Both the Commiſſioner and the Ladies believe there was only a ſingle Shake. Miſs *Slade*'s Houſe joins the Commiſſioners.

On account of the dead Time of the Night in which it happen'd, not many People would be ſenſible of the Motion: Of thoſe who were, moſt would naturally attribute it to the high Wind, which then blew; and a Month being paſs'd before any Inquiry has been made, it is not to be wonder'd at that, but few recollect any thing concerning it.

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The Commiſſioner, by reaſon of frequent Returns of the Gout, does not ſleep up-ſtairs, but in a very ſmall Room behind the Houſe, joining to the Houſe, and communicating by a Door with one of the back Parlours. This Building is ſo low (being only a Ground-floor, without any Room over it), and is ſo skreen'd by higher Buildings, that hardly any Wind can affect it; eſpecially the Wind which blew that Night; as the Body of the Commiſſioner's Houſe was betwixt that and the Stroke of the Wind.

The Dock is about two Miles Weſt from *Plymouth*, and about 220 almoſt Weſt from *London*.

XLIII.

A Letter from Mr. Ph. Warburton *to the* Preſident, *ſerving to incloſe an Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Mr.* John Seddon, *of* Warrington *in* Lancaſhire, *to Mr.* Jo. Philpot, *in* Cheſter, *concerning an* Earthquake, April 2. 1750.

Dear Sir, *Grange in Cheſhire, June* 10. 1750.

Read June 14. 1750. THE incloſed Extract is the only written Account of the late Earthquake which I can obtain from any of the Naturaliſts in this Country: And as I have converſed with ſeveral intelligent Perſons who perceived it, the incloſed Extract correſponds very exactly with their Sentiments and Obſervations upon it. I have now in my Cuſtody